

**RESPONSE TO SECOND FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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12. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special appearance that is distinguishable from the appearances of the others of the plurality of symbols.

13. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special color that is distinguishable from the color of the others of the plurality of symbols.

14. (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols has a special size that is distinguishable from the size of the others of the plurality of symbols.

C 1 (New) The gaming machine of claim 11, wherein the preselected one of the symbols is arranged to stop in response to said player-actuable stop arrangement in a displaced relation with respect to the winning line of the display portion that is distinguishable from the displaced relation with respect to the winning line of the display portion at which the others of the plurality of symbols are stopped

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Please amend the claims as follows:

The following clean amended claims are rewritten in Annexure 1, attached hereto, showing the amendments to the claims:

1. (Canceled)

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2. (Thrice Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined condition of the game corresponds to a loss for the player.

C 2 3. (Thrice Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined condition of the game corresponds to a win for the player

1/15/01 4. (Thrice Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 11, wherein there are further provided second and third display elements viewable in said display portion for presenting